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How do snowmen celebrate Christmas?

If you've ever pondered the answer to that question, here's an answer for you: these shiny-hatted snow folk from Charlotte Tkachuk's Grade 2B class showed the audience at Wednesday's concert that they definitely know how to have a good time as they danced and cavorted at a Christmas Eve party in the middle of town while all the parents and children were snug in their beds. More details on Page 2.

Active recruitment underway for a third physician

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Elk Point and District Interagency Health and Wellness Committee heard what Town Council representative Lorne Young called "a good news story all around" from Elk Point Healthcare Centre's Kristen Pelechok.

Pelechok told the committee that active recruitment is underway for a third physician to join Dr. Drew Ramful and Dr. Ayobami Oyebode in caring for the health of our community. A large number of applications have already been submitted, she said. The incoming doctor would share clinic duties, emergency room care, on call, acute and long term care with the existing doctors, and would have office space in Dr. Oyebode's clinic.

In the short term, locum physicians will provide service over the Christmas season, beginning Dec. 20,

to allow the doctors to take some time off.

The cross training for RNs and LPNs is going very well, Pelechok said, with nurses having the opportunity to become familiar with acute, long-term, emergency and long term care so they can feel comfortable working in any part of the hospital where they are needed. "I did a big drill, and they felt the importance of being able to work in all the areas," she added. "Cross training makes good sense for rural hospitals. I'm from Manitoba and that's what Manitoba does."

Pelechok has recruited four RN casuals from Saskatchewan, which "eases everything up," and has a RN locum coming from Nova Scotia from the end of December to Feb. 6 so one of the RNs can go on vacation. She also planned to interview later in the week for a 1.0 and a 0.75 position, "so we will have that covered."

She also reported that acute care occupancy at the Health Centre is "almost 100 per cent," and that there

will be a mid-January start on the roof repairs for the central area of the facility and the pediatric wing.

The IHWC also heard from Tracy Yaremko of the Brain Injury Network, who said a new release of the Brain Injury Survival Guide and a series of webinars will be coming in the new year.

County Coun. Dwight Dach has asked the County to include \$5,000 in their 2016 budget for the Doctor Recruitment Committee, in case it is needed.

Diana Anderson was not able to attend but sent a comprehensive report on the recent Alberta Council on Aging meeting with MLAs David Hanson and Colin Paquette regarding services for seniors. "We need to work collaboratively, regardless of the parties involved," she noted.

Margaret Modin noted that a "busy month" at the Seniors' Recreation Centre "is not over yet" and that RCMP Sgt. Barry LaRocque had visited the seniors to talk about telephone scams.

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Snowmen celebrate at Wednesday concert

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Review Staff



Suzy Snowflake and all her friends....



Little toy trains, with Santa along for the ride...



Hats and mittens keep everyone warm...



All decked out, as they deck the tree....

What happened at Thursday's concert? Check it out on Page 12!

Elk Point & Dist. Ag. Society Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016

Horizon Room, A.G. Ross Arena
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Elk Point Elementary School gym was packed to the rafters with proud parents and grandparents for a pair of crowd-pleasing concerts this week as students prepared for the Christmas break.

MCs Colby Havener and Saige Hardcastle welcomed everyone to Wednesday's concert, 'Snowmen at Christmas,' where Piper Babcock, Sadie Berlinguette and Casey Warawa led the singing of O Canada.

"It's an amazing thing when a school puts together a performance like this," Principal Rob MacDonald said, noting that a lot of work goes into preparations for the big day. "It's great to see the school community come together for an event like this."

As the feature presentation began, students warmly attired in toques, scarves and mittens saluted "Frosty the Snowman" with their song and began to tell the story of how some people believe that snowmen celebrate the Christmas season.

Every snowman is made up of a huge number of snowflakes, and the next group of students sang out a tribute to Suzy Snowflake and her frosty friends, without whom snowmen could never be part of the winter scene, before going on to tell how the snowmen come together in the middle of town to hold a party, while all the humans are snug in their beds.

The big tree in the middle of town needed dressing up for the party, so the next group, with halos of red tinsel, were all set to "Deck the Halls" as their part of preparations for the celebration.

The snowmen were so excited when they arrived and saw the park all ready for their party that they all started to dance to a lively tune just for them. They danced and pranced until a very special guest arrived.... Santa, who brought along a musical "Little Toy Train" to chug around the beautiful tree.

But the real reason for Christmas wasn't forgotten amidst all the revelry, with the next group of singers doing an action number as they thought back to the first Christmas, so long ago, with an action version of "Away In A Manger."

As the snowmen headed home and Christmas dawned on the little town, a star-spangled group from Mrs. Wood's KA class sang, "I had a Dream Last Night" before they were joined by the rest of the cast to sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to wind up the show.

Wednesday's concert starred all the Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 students as well as the KA group.



The smallest stars of the show...



A song to rock Baby Jesus by...

Council studies draft of partnership policy

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council held their final meeting of 2015 last Monday, with Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn leading the way through a lengthy agenda that included the draft of a policy that would outline principles and guidelines to optimize and enhance the town's partnerships with not-for-profit organizations.

The document would cover civic partnerships, community grants and an arts and culture endowment fund. The first of the three would ensure effective management and strategic allocation of available resources, the second would provide financial assistance to projects and events that enhance and enrich the community and the third would provide access to funding for non-profit arts and culture community projects.

The draft will be put on the town's website, with residents having ample opportunity to study it and give their input before the policy is put in place for the 2017 budget year.

Municipal partnerships

Several agenda items dealt with the town's partnerships with other municipalities.

A motion from Nov. 9 that the town would partner with the Town and County of St. Paul on an Alberta County Partnership Grant application to execute a regional occupational health and safety plan project, with the Town of St. Paul as the lead partner was rescinded and another put in its place with the County of St. Paul as lead partner.

Council approved a policy shared by the same three partners regarding a Region of St. Paul Health and Safety Plan for the municipalities.

A letter was received from the county reappointing Coun. Dwight Dach to represent them on the Elk Point Municipal Library Board. Council ratified the appointment.

The town agreed to advise the County of St. Paul and the Elk Point Firefighters Association that the October 12, 2010 Fire Agreement is in need of updating as regards the rate per vehicle. One year's notification to all parties is needed in order to make the update.

Job description

The final job description to be brought to council was that for the Chief

Administrative Officer, with council approving the document as presented.

Iron Horse Trail

The town agreed to renew their funding commitment to Alberta's Iron Horse Trail maintenance for another three years, with a \$504 payment each year.

Concerns outlined by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce regarding the inefficiency and high power consumption by lights installed by the town on the Iron Horse staging area east of the EcoCentre were discussed, and council agreed to ask Jonny's Electric to prepare a quote on LED lights to replace them. When a quote is received, council will discuss how to proceed.

Development decisions

Council agreed to transfer funds from general capital reserves to pay \$37,755 in engineering costs for the 59 Ave. east extension and \$968.50 for engineering costs for the storm retention pond at 57 Ave. and 50 Street.

Waste management

The deputy mayor asked council for their concerns regarding potential cost increases forecast by Evergreen Waste Management that she could take to the upcoming meeting on the town's behalf.

Rural tourism

Council moved to pay half of the cost to send a delegate from the chamber of commerce to the Growing Rural Tourism Conference in Camrose in February if the chamber agrees to pay the other half.

Taxes slow in coming

The amount of taxes unpaid as of Dec. 2 is the highest that Coun. Dwayne Yarmkevich, who has been on council the longest, said he has ever seen at this time of year. The deputy mayor agreed that our local economy is "hurting" due to the downturn in oil prices.

FCSS funding increase

A bright note in the financial picture is that between the town and the County of St. Paul, an increase of \$52,385 will be coming to the joint Town and County FCSS from the provincial coffers, and they will not require assistance from the town's MSI funding for the coming year.

The FCSS also reported that 165 people attended the Heinsburg Seniors Festival, which FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk felt was the best seniors' festival yet for the area.



BUSINESS LIGHTING AND DECORATING WINNER was Lakeland Realty, who will receive \$250 from Canadian Natural to donate to a local charity. Congratulations! Check out the Residential winners on Page 4.



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Three more sleeps!

The tedious burden of being good for Santa, or his annoying little helper, that Elf of the Shelf, is just about over.

Just about everyone can hang in there for three more nights, in hopes that Santa will bring just what we're asking for, be it higher oil prices, intelligent decisions from all levels of government, good roads for holiday travel, a Stanley Cup for the Leafs, or that one special toy the kids want.

May all our dreams come true!

RECREATION CORNER

Light Up the Night a huge success

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

It's definitely magical in Elk Point, the Light Up the Night contest was a huge success! Whether it was the big cash prizes or competing with neighbours or family, or even just to spread Christmas cheer, the lights were bright and beautiful!

Congrats to our winners: 1. Elvis Sibal, \$250, 2. Dave and Gillian Cousins, \$150, and 3. David Buksa, \$100.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Elk Point Rec Department for the prizes.

NEW this year was our Business category, thanks to Canadian Natural. The winner of the business category receives \$250 to donate to the Elk Point charity of their choice! This year's winner, Lakeland Realty!

Thanks everyone the fantastic show!



FIRST PLACE WINNER - Elvis Sibal.



SECOND PLACE - Dave and Gillian Cousins



THIRD PLACE - David Buksa.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Glad tidings and new owners

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 23 IN...

1985

Margaret Modin retired from F. G. Miller High School after serving 20 years as the school secretary, and was presented with a plaque at the annual Christmas Brunch by Angel Ference and Lane Lorenson. All five winners of the Christmas Extravaganza shopping vouchers - Gary Gulayec, Ivy Dunlap, Tammy Blanchard, Susan Fialkowski and Cheryl Cabaj - were from the local area, said merchants' committee spokesman Rodger McLaughlin, who told the chamber the promotion got very good response from shoppers.

1990

The front page showed a Christmas collage: manger scenes on stage and in a front yard, students dressed as snowflakes, candles and rapping reindeer, Santa pleading with the Prime Minister for a GST exemption and the Oilettes making a big donation to Santas Anonymous. Santa visited the Pioneer Circle's Christmas party, but his sack just wasn't big enough to hold the new hall they asked him to deliver.

1995

"Glad tidings of great joy" were celebrated at the Elk Point United Church as they hosted the annual Cantata. Alberta Teachers' Association president Bauni Mackay visited Elk Point Elementary School and played a cameo role in the Special Education class' presentation of "The Three Little Pigs." A truly remarkable lady, "Auntie Grace" Franks made good on her wish to "dance on the table" in celebration of her 100th birthday.

2000

The Elk Point Review and St. Paul Journal were purchased by the Great West Newspaper Group Ltd. from Team Graphics, joining a family of 16 newspapers, all located north of Edmonton and ending more than 50 years of Drouin family involvement. Anadime

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Processing and Disposal Inc. displayed their plans for a produced sand repository to residents of Ferguson Fats and surrounding areas at an open house.

2005



There was no room for Mary and Joseph (above) when they arrived at the inn either, and no room outside either, with heavy traffic in Bethlehem as pint-sized angels, wise men and shepherds came to visit the Holy Family at Elk Point's multi-faith Christmas Cantata, hosted by Elk Point United Church. The Town of Elk Point supported an increase in the Northern Lights Library System levy, which would go up by six cents per capita to be paid by both the town and the Elk Point Public Library.

2010

Elk Point Elementary School students celebrated the season in down-home country and western style at a "Holiday Hoedown" in one of their concerts, while the Friendly Beasts visited the manger in a "Holiday Zoobilee" at the other concert. St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church hosted the annual Interfaith Cantata on a very blustery Sunday evening that did not deter a large crowd from attending the event.

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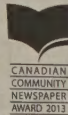
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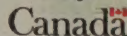
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Instructor Tammy Klatt and the Morning and Afternoon groups from Jack and Jill Playschool joined forces for three final songs: "Christmas Time Is Here," "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" at the end of their concert.

Christmas comes to Jack and Jill Playschool



Vicki Brooker photos



Jack and Jill Playschool students performed a very special concert for their families last Tuesday morning at the Christian Community Church, where early arrivals had time to do some crafting while they waited for the performance to begin. After a warm welcome message and readings of "A Recipe For Christmas All Year Long" and "A Christmas - New Year Wish" from instructor Tammy Klatt, the Morning class, above, started off the program with "Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star," "Guess Who?" and other songs of the season. The Afternoon class, shown at left, entertained with "Three Little Reindeer," "Santa's On His Way" and "Merry Christmas To Everyone." The program concluded just in time to welcome a very special visitor, when Santa dropped by to distribute gifts and hear about everyone's Christmas wishes. The concert was followed by a wonderful potluck lunch that included all the children's favourite goodies.

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Crusader Craft Sale Committee

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Sprinkles the Clown and Kevin the Minion, who were sponsored by Canadian Natural, made the day super fun for our youngest customers. We are so happy that Santa was able to spend some time with us and filling the suit was our Sports Hound, Mr. Doug Bassett

who was busy during his three sessions during the event. Pictures were emailed to our customers eliminating having to print on the day. If you had trouble getting your pictures, please contact Mr. Casper. We had a group of student character actors who brought life to our special guests. Zoe Ainsworth, Kolbie Poitras, Chris Raymond, Dale Doucet, Landon Morin, Sophie Kim, Rachel Zacharuk, Cynthia James, Maja Harms, Nicole Gormley, Avery Turner, Tulsen Wells, Kaylee Quinney-Cardinal, Taylor Ford, Mykaela Verenka and Haili Maltais—all of you really showed your Crusader Christmas spirit by transforming yourselves into Geronimo Stilton, The Grinch or both! So many smiling children, a few that were scared, had wonder in their eyes because of you. Our character guide, Kelly Raymond,

worked all day long helping get our Crusaders into character. She made many laps around the common area and gym guiding our characters. Our very own Mr. Shankowski and Mr. Casper were wonderful photography elves! They spent the entire day making memories for families with the Santa, Grinch and Geronimo photos!

In our Library Learning Commons we had Elaine Bjorkman and Ryleigh Trotchie selling up a monster storm of books! The bookfair was a very successful literary event giving us \$295 worth of free books and \$1078.00 in cash to purchase books and prizes for our AR Hoard in June. Kelly Raymond and Diane Dewan were very instrumental in setting up the fair and making it look fabulous for our event.

Our Professor Richer and her critter crew were one of the biggest hits of the day for the kids. The room was busy constantly throughout the day. Animals even went on tour into our book fair and craft sale! Both our human and animal critters who really worked hard throughout the day.

The Secret Santa Store for Kids was a huge success for its first year. Children 12 and under were able to purchase gifts for the adults in their life and have them wrapped to put under the tree! The PUP group will be sending the profits from both the store and their craft table to The Stollary Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

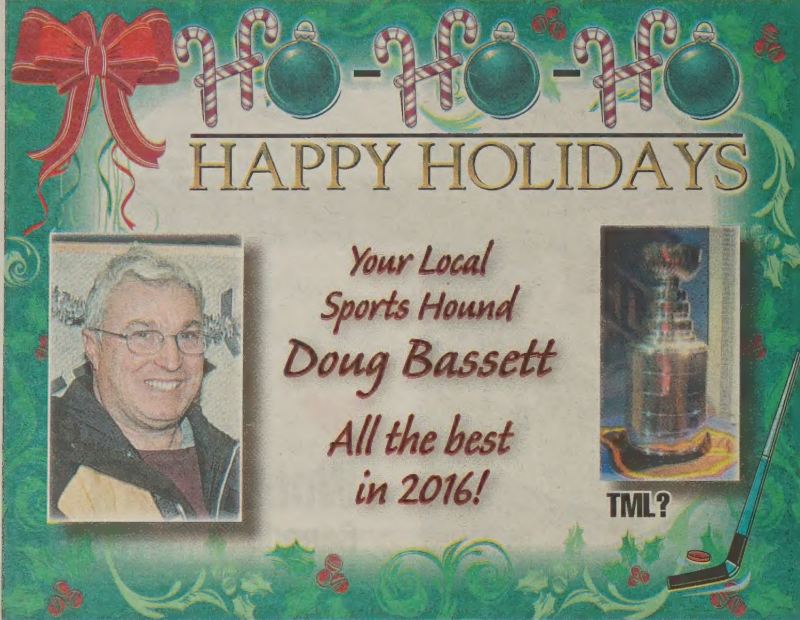
So many wonderful experiences from listening to Alumni, Shaun Anderson, to the debut of Dallan Pinder with mom, Daleen, from Sprinkles magic to photos

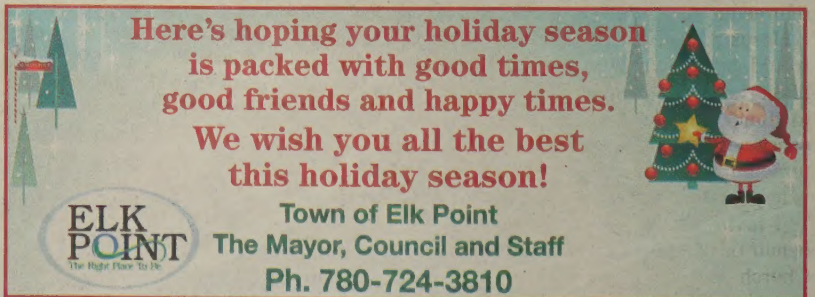
with the big guy! Our Secret Santa Shop was a busy place as well, especially since no adults were allowed!

We had some tremendous talent perform during the craft show: Beeswax (aka Jai and Geno Buck) who opened and closed the day; Mr. Kryz who played Ukrainian Christmas carols and other piano instrumentals plus he helped set up and instruct us on how to use our sound system; the beautiful voices of Brooke Yaremchuk, Jorja Theriault, and Daleen Pinder; Ebon Fae (our very own Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkman), Mr. and Mrs. Clarke with interpretive dance by their son, William; alumni Shaun Anderson who also had his CDs for sale did an excellent set; Gabe Bayduza on piano was wonderful, Mr. Burke was excellent and even dueted with Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Bjorkman; the cast of Annie Junior performed a song from their upcoming musical leaving us wanting more.

Duane and Colleen, our Wapiti chefs, cooked up a storm all day and left customers with smiles and full bellies before the end of the day which was our Minions Movie compliments of Applied Hammer Construction where we had 120 audience members enjoy the show. Kelly Raymond and Mrs. Wendy Young made it a real movie event by popping popcorn for the viewers.

We really did appreciate all our crafters and exhibitors who came out 38 strong and filled our gym with 70 tables of wonderful gifts and the customers that came to view the show! We hope you had a successful day and that we will see you next year— same place, same weekend!




Bringing shut-ins a gift of music

St. Paul Regional High School's Rock and Pop Group, along with some special guests, visited Parkview Long Term Care last week to present a gift of their music in an evening concert enjoyed by residents and their families.

Vicki Brooker photo



The story that never ends

PASTOR JIM MACLELLAN
Elk Point Baptist Church

The chorus of a popular Christian song goes: Tell me the old, old story, tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, of Jesus and His love. Every year at this time people of every age and culture love to hear the story of Jesus, particularly His birth – and what a birth it was! This fantastic story is actually part of a bigger story.

Many years ago before there was land and before there was time, God who never had a beginning made the Universe by the power of His Voice. This Divine Person who is all powerful; who needs nothing, made people – people who were intended to put His greatness on display through their lives. All these humans rebelled against this great and powerful King. This rebellion attracted both His anger and His love. His anger separated the King from His subjects and demanded punishment. But His love took the initiative to resolve the problem.

This mighty God chose a nation, who through certain laws, means of worship and sacrifices were taught what this King planned and expected. It was from this nation that God brought a Son who would make things right. At just the right time this Son came as a human; born of a virgin. He came to save the human race from destruction. He did that by living a perfect human life and dying a death in their place. These things totally and completely satisfied the justice of the King. This Son who is God in the flesh rose from the dead and returned to His Father—our God and King.

Jesus returned to Heaven. He secured for all who would believe in Him eternal life and the ultimate reality of a new heaven and a new earth, in the ages to come. It is a story that never ends. It's a story that every person can be part of, if they choose. To stop, turn an follow this Christ by trusting and obeying Him is to guarantee your existence with Him forever.

I invite you to join the story that never ends. On behalf of the elders and members of Elk Point Baptist Church we wish you a very significant and life-changing Christmas.

Crimestoppers seek assistance

CST. M. CORMACK
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

Sometime about the week of Dec. 6 to 12, 2015 a blue 2010 Dodge Ram 3500 was abandoned in a rural area south of Heinsburg, Alberta near Highway 893. The vehicle was very distinctive, with black aftermarket rims and a two tone paint scheme (blue on top with silver on the bottom). The vehicle had been reported stolen in Bonnyville.

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Joy to the World

PASTOR DAVID HOLDEN
Elk Point Christian Community Church

The long wait for Christmas is finally over – the countdown complete. And, as did the shepherds on that quiet, still hillside of ancient Bethlehem, we too can glorify and praise God for all we've been told. (Luke 2:15,20)

When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, he gave them good news of great joy for all people: The long-awaited Savior was born! This same good news of great joy is for us too! For unto us a Son is given – the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Is 9:6)

The good news they proclaimed that day had to do with much more than Jesus' birth, didn't it? It anticipated His sinless life, which qualified Him to be God's sacrificial lamb. It looked ahead to His crucifixion, His burial in that stone cold tomb and His resurrection, which signalled the Father's acceptance of Christ's payment for our sins. Jesus came into our world 2000 years ago. He spoke of Himself as the good news of great joy. He wanted His followers, that's us, to experience the deep satisfaction that is derived from an intimate, personal relationship with God. Such divine contentment, such news of great joy, is not dependent upon outward circumstances. Divine joy is internally generated through the work of the Holy Spirit, with us and in us.

Long ago the angels in heaven rejoiced at the announcement of Jesus' birth, and the shepherds praised God. Today, the angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner bows their heart before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Have you done that? Have you given your heart, your life, your all to Jesus? If you haven't, you need to know He stands at the door of your heart right now, knocking (Rev 3:20). If invited, He will come in, and bring a special gift for you this Christmas – the gift of eternal life in

That is the good news of great joy for today! Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.

Seniors carol at annual dinner

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Pioneer Circle seniors held their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, with a wonderful turkey dinner followed up by a great old-fashioned sing-along of Christmas and winter favourites, accompanied by Grace Meger (shown at left) on accordion.

The poinsettias went home with door prize winners Gabe Bayduza, Craig Campbell, Charles Hiar, Bonnie Hammond, Lil Buksa and Margaret Modin and candy dish donated by the caterers with Milton Lorensen.

Review Announcements

IN MEMORIAM STAFFORD, Pete Aug. 23, 1948-Dec. 25, 2006



In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

*Your heart of gold stopped beating
Two smiling eyes at rest
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the Best.
The tears in our eyes will wipe away
But the love in our hearts
Will forever stay.*

Loved and missed so very much by Karen and Family.

IN MEMORIAM ANDRISHAK, Joanne Feb. 2, 1929 - Dec. 22, 1991

24 years have now passed since you were called away, how well we do remember that sad and weary day. You suffered much, you murmured not, we watched you day by day, we cried and prayed that your dear life would not be taken away.

Still loved, still missed everyday by Peter and Patricia

OBITUARY DEMCHUK, Larry



On December 12, 2015, Mr. Larry Demchuk of Elk Point passed away at the age of 73 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Lillian; daughter, Cheryl Demchuk, her partner, Giorgio, & his daughter, Gabriela; son, Lorne (Alison) Demchuk & their children, Ella & Adam; brother, Leonard (Julie) Demchuk; mother-in-law, Lena Stepa; brother-in-law, Victor Stepa (Sandra Ockerman); numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Mike & Annie Demchuk; sister, Gladys (John) Drobot; nephew, Shane; & father-in-law, Paul Stepa.

A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Allied Arts Centre, Elk Point, with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. Cremation has taken place, with inurnment at a later date in St. George's Cemetery, Stoney Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mazankowski Heart Institute or Parkview Extendicare Elk Point c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB. T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Santa's on his way... what will he bring the Leafs?

I was starting to get a little worried, the big guy is coming to town this Thursday night, and we didn't have any snow, but now it looks like we will be OK with the fresh snow on the ground and Storm warnings this past weekend.

The **Peewee Girls Storm** played against the Lakeland Panthers

on Friday night here at home. They had another tough start, 30 seconds into the game they were down by one. It seems to take a long time to get this motor warmed up, but when it does they can play with any team in the league. After giving up quite a few in the first half, the girls came out in the second half and only allowed two goals and scored one. So, take away the first 30 minutes and we have a really close game. All through the house it was quiet as a mouse. Storm Trooper of the game was Chloe 'Mouse' Bendixen, scoring her first goal of the year and of her career after coming back from an upper body injury that left her out of the lineup for the last week. 'Mouse' may be quiet and a little shy at times but has worked really hard at practice and is proving to be a real force on the ice. On Saturday the Storm moved off to Vermilion and it was the same thing there; the Storm started out slow but once it started to gather momentum it never let up. Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter has come a long way in a very short time in her first season of hockey, she is becoming a natural leader, she drives hard to the net and is able to



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spot trouble plays and helps correct the other girls. She scored her first goal of the year against the Tigers and was awarded the hard hat for the Storm Trooper of the game. Little drummer girl Laramie 'Louie' Parr getting the Storm Trooper of the game award for her hard working efforts on Sunday when the Storm played here at home again. She is one of the smallest on the team, but has the biggest heart, she battles hard along the boards she and in front of the net is not afraid or intimidated to take on girls twice her size. 'Louie' scored the second one in Vermilion. The Storm played a full sixty minutes on Sunday and couldn't get on the board. They outplayed Lloydminster in my opinion, still lost the game 3 to 0 but gained respect for their efforts. Great job by our head coach Glenn Hladunewich and his assistants Art Parr and Jena 'the Princess' Colbourne. Thanks for your patience and dedication, trust me there is light at the end of the tunnel.... I see that train a-coming!!

The **Bantam Avalanche** continued their winning streak on Saturday winning another game big time, the final score 15 to 1. The great Number 8 with a 10-point night, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson lighting the lamp with 5 goals and 5 assists. 'Hot Wheels' Hayden Ludlage burning up the ice with 4 goals and 2 assists, Chase Dorey with 4 goals and 2 assists, Dylan 'the Destroyer' Ference with a couple of goals. Wolke 'Wolf

Man' Cueva, 'Hammering Hank', also known as the 'Tank' Rogal, 'Raging Paige' Henderson and Bradley 'Diesel' Canning all contributing with an assist as well. 'Silent Sam' Henderson working on the back check, goalie 'Colt 45' Van Maarion with another win. The bantams traveled to St. Paul on Sunday with a very short bench, only eight skaters in the line up after 'Diesel' was injured the day before, then they lost 'Hammering Hank' part way through the game making it only seven skaters, but by pacing themselves, having determination and some awesome goaltending the Avalanche won again this time 7 to 1. The head coach Greg Van Maarion, assistants Dean Rogal and Kristoff Ludlage have putting the guys through really rigorous practices every week and this is paying dividends.

It was almost like the time Scrooge got a scare from the ghosts of Christmas past when Saddle Lake Warriors came calling and gave the **Atom No. 2** team all they could handle. The game was tied at 8-all after 40 minutes until Jumping Jack Flash hit the gas.... 'Mic Jager' Fontaine with three goals in the third to break the tie, 8 goals in all, the final an 11 to 9 win over the visiting Saddle Lake Warriors. I've seen our team play a little better in the past but let's give some credit to Saddle Lake for coming in with some pretty talented players that were missing when the Avalanche traveled to Saddle Lake a few weeks ago winning that game easily. Cash 'CC' Capjack with two goals, an assist, one trip to the sin bin for tripping and some darn good back checking, Nathaniel Cousins in the right place at the right time, with his stick down ready he buried one down the chimney after 'Formula One' Kaleb Flamand fed him a beauty pass, 'Formula One' with a couple of other helpers too. Josef 'Red' Theriault with an assist and a diving poke check that surely saved a goal. Naughty boys, defensemen 'St. Nic' Penner and Ceajay Quinney with a couple of penalties that also could have resulted in goals.

The shots on goal were 60 to 21 in favor of the **Peewee Avalanche**, the score 8 to 4 for the Avalanche over the visiting Canadiens and I would say at least 10 of those shots came from centreman 'King Cole' Bendixen, who played one heck of a game, he seemed to be open all the time, yet was doing a terrific job of back checking too; he scored one and assisted on two others. 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage lighting up the Christmas tree, with two goals and three assists, Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion hammering home a nice one time, he also has two assists. Charlie 'Angel' Rogal flying high up in the sky with a couple of goals. Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow and 'Danny Boy' Cardinal scoring one each too. The unsung hero, 'the Stafford Streak' on the board with an assist, too bad they never count the ones these guys save. It would be a blue Christmas without him and his partners Evan 'Bat Man' Ockerman and Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack who were both solid on the blue line stopping the attacking Canadiens. Just another day at the office for goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle. On Sunday the Avalanche traveled to Boyle facing a little tougher competition then the day before, the peewees winning this one in a nail biter 5 to 4. 'Bat Man' and the 'Angel' with two goals each, 'King Cole' with a goal and two assists, 'Lightning Liam' with a couple of set ups too. Boyle was awarded the Peewee D Provincial finals in March, so let's hope this is the year our guys make the trip to the 'Big Show.'

The **Novice Avalanche** played here at home against St. Paul on Saturday. Hats off to 'Top Gunner' Crawford hitting the target with three goals, he know how to bury them deep in the snow bank, but also has lots of help from the supporting cast, Tryst Sakowsky, Sebastian Brousseau, Charlotte Henderson, 'Timmy Joe' Cardinal, and Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand all helping with the cause, getting assists. Goalie 'Ever Ready' Kale Hoeving behind the mask with some huge saves.

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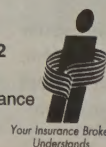
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Lawrence Pidluzny photos

'Twas the Night Before Christmas' featured at EPE Thursday concert

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A classic story almost two centuries old formed the basis of Elk Point Elementary School's second concert last Thursday for another capacity crowd.

Mistress of ceremonies Shaylyn Klatt and master of ceremonies Jacob Fontaine introduced the show, with Abby Rybchinsky, Ty Omstead and Kayna Krawchuk leading the audience in O Canada before principal Rob MacDonald gave his welcome message.

Originally titled, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" has been around since 1822, but it's a story that never loses its appeal, and this time was told by the Grade Four to Six classes, with some help from the KB students.

Students decked with stockings started the tale, and caroled, "There's Lots of Things To Do" in preparation for the big day. Pajama-clad students packing stuffed animals sang the praises of a "Sleigh Ride" as they continued the story, followed by a herd of red-antlered reindeer who sang "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Musicians on xylophones accompanied music teacher Quinn Shelton as she sang "Jolly Old St. Nicholas", followed by a recorder group playing "Toyland." A festively attired group sang about "The King of Jing-a-Ling" before the kindergarten crew took to the stage to complete the recitation of the story and to sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star."

The entire cast joined them for two final numbers, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" as another pair of great concerts drew to a close.



Recorders in 'Toyland'



The pajama gang dreams of a sleigh ride



'Here Comes Santa Claus,' sing the reindeer



Starting off the story, with lots to do



All ready for some Jing-a-Ling Christmas fun

Hockey

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The Atom No. 1 team really racked up the goals and points this past weekend, winning in Paradise Valley on Saturday 15 to 1, then at home on Sunday 15 to 3. Everyone on the team is on the score sheet with a goal or assist, even the goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk getting an assist. Special mention to Wyatt Pavoll for scoring two goals on Saturday and a hat trick on Sunday and he's only been with the team three weeks.

Happy Anniversary going out today to a fellow Leaf fan, Colin Bjorkman and his wife Denise. And a happy birthday tomorrow to our arena caretaker Scott Dallaire. Scott and his wife

received their Christmas present early this year, being blessed with the recent arrival of their first born, a healthy 8 lb. baby boy, named Radek Reid Dallaire. I will have fun coming up with a nickname for him one day!

Merry Christmas everyone... and be good because Santa is watching! P. S. Dear Santa...I've been a very good boy this year, how about seeing what you could do so the Leafs could make the playoffs! Please!!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "The day I retire is the day I'll feel old. I'm not there yet." Last weeks answer to: "You can motivate players better with kind words than you can with a whip." - Bud Wilkinson.

Quinn Shelton
accompanied
by xylophones



All a-twinkle as the story ends